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At the end of February and in early March 1953 the following merchant ships were observed in the Tientsin area:

- a. SS CHI NAN (3444/0589), loading bales from two lighters at Taku Bar on 28 February; she departed before 3 March.
- b. SS HSIN K'ANG (2450/1660), a 2,800-ton Chinese Communist ship¹ with four hatches, discharging newsprint and loading bales in gunny sacks alongside the T'angku Harbor Office Wharf on 28 February.
- c. [redacted] berthed alongside the T'angku Railway Station Wharf on 28 February.
- d. The Chinese Communist tanker YUNG SHU², berthed alongside the China Vegetable Oil Corporation Wharf on 28 February.
- e. [redacted] loading unidentified cargo from two lighters at Taku Bar on 3 March.
- f. SS WARSZAWA, an old Polish ship of about 7,000 tons³, anchored at Taku Bar on 3 March.

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1. [redacted] the HSIN K'ANG was formerly the NORINA, Panamanian registry, 3,451 gross tons.
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted] the WARSZAWA was built in 1940 and is a ship of 6,021 gross tons.

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